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International Student Handbook

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Welcome



Superintendent/President's Message

As a first-generation community college student and the first person in my family to graduate from college, I know well the power that our college has to transform lives. My vision for Napa Valley College is to foster an environment that is student-centric, equity-focused and community-oriented.

Whether you are pursuing a certificate or degree, planning to transfer or are looking to gain new skills, Napa Valley College stands ready with a comprehensive array of academic programs and student support services. We are here to support you and maximize your potential for academic and personal growth

On behalf of our community-elected Board of Trustees, our distinguished faculty of innovative teachers and administrators, dedicated and creative staff and diverse student body, I invite you to discover Napa Valley College, your gateway to the rest of the world!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Torence Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Torence Powell
Superintendent/President

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Board of Trustees meetings are generally scheduled on the second Thursday of the month with public session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the McPherson Administration Building, Room 1538.

NEW RELATIONSHIPS

NEW OPPORTUNITIES



10 GREAT REASONS TO CHOOSE NVC

Schedule a visit to our campus or for enrollment information visit us: napavalley.edu or call (707) 256-7201

- 1 GET A SUPERIOR EDUCATION**
Napa Valley College is ranked as one of the top two-year colleges in California among community and private colleges. NVC continues to demonstrate exceptional levels of student success as they transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce.
- 2 TRANSFER** to CSUs, UCs and many other public and private colleges and universities. NVC offers 75 degrees and certificates designed to prepare you for transfer to a four-year institution, upgrade your job skills, or prepare you for a career. NVC has 17 Associate Degrees Transfer (ADT) for guaranteed transfer.
- 3 RECEIVE SPECIALIZED CAREER TRAINING** in 48 professional programs for great jobs in our local and regional economy. Outstanding training is offered in viticulture and winery technology, culinary arts, hospitality, respiratory therapy, nursing, welding, machine tool technology, public safety, and many more.
- 4 TAKE THE FAST-PATH** with accelerated learning 8-week classes designed to shorten the time you need to complete graduation and/or transfer requirements.
- 5 RECEIVE COUNSELING SERVICES** and resources to help with educational goals. Get an individualized Education Plan from an NVC academic counselor. Get started on your educational path today.
- 6 SAVE MONEY** with lower per-unit college credit fees compared with CSU and UC.
- 7 ATTEND SMALLER CLASSES** for more individualized attention, and a 25:1 average student-to-faculty ratio.
- 8 Live in On-Campus Housing** River Trail Village s a new and beautiful residence hall that is located on campus. There is no need to look for housing or to worry about commuting.
- 9** intramural sports, theater, dance, and social programs for after-class enrichment and entertainment.
- 10 LEARN FROM DEDICATED FACULTY & STAFF** who help you make the most of your educational experience.

Find your future here

Associate Degrees and Certificates

Napa Valley College, a California Community College, offers a wide range of Associate Degrees. A full-time student can earn the required 60 units in two years. Students who may be working or have family responsibilities can attend part-time and may take longer to complete the degree. Most of our Associate of Arts degree (AA), all of our Associate Degrees for transfer (AD-T) and a few of our Associate of Science Degrees (AS) and certificates are designed for those who plan to transfer to four-year institutions. Most of our Associate of Science degrees (AS) and certificates have a career technical focus and prepare students to enter the workforce in areas such as Health Occupations, Criminal Justice and various technical fields.

Associate Degrees for Transfer

Administration of Justice
Anthropology
Art History
Business Administration
Communication Studies
Early Childhood Education
English
History
Kinesiology
Mathematics
Music
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Studio Arts
Theater Arts

Associate in Arts Degrees

Art History
Graphic Design
Humanities and Philosophy
Musical Theater
Music: Instrumental
Music: Voice
Psychology
Spanish for Heritage Speakers
Spanish for Non-Heritage Speakers
Studio Arts: Ceramics
Studio Arts: Painting and Drawing
Theater Arts: Acting
Theater Arts: Technical Theater

Associate in Science Degrees

Business Administration
Business Administration of Justice
Business Accounting Concentration
Business: Computer Studies Concentration
Business: Concentration in Office Administration
Child and Family Studies
Digital Design Graphics Technology
Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic
Hospitality and Tourism Management
Human Services
Machine Tool Technology
Natural Science and Mathematics
Nursing - ADN
Nursing - Advanced Placement for LVN
Photography
Psychiatric Technician
FastTrack & 3-Semester
Respiratory Care: Full Time & Part Time
Viticulture and Winery Technology - Viticulture Option
Viticulture and Winery Technology - Wine Marketing and Sales Option
Viticulture and Winery Technology Winemaking Option
Vocational Nursing
Welding Technology

Career-Technical Education

Career-Technical Education programs prepare students for rewarding careers. In several programs, students often receive job offers prior to graduation.

Certificates - 18 units or more CCC Chancellor's Office Approved

911 Dispatcher
Adult Corrections Core Academy**
Bookkeeping Certificate
Business - Office Assistant Studies
Child Family Studies
Child and Family Studies - Associate with Administration
CSU General Education
Digital Design Graphics Technology
EMT-P: Paramedic
Hospitality Certificate
Human Services
IGETC General Education
Law Enforcement - Basic Police Academy
Law Enforcement - ADMJ
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Studies
Machine Tool Technology
Management Informations Systems
Microcomputer Applications Specialist
Photography
Photography: Professional*
Psychiatric Technician Fast-Track Program
Psychiatric Technician Three Semester
Viticulture and Winery Technology
Vocational Nursing
Welding Technology
Wine Marketing and Sales

Transfer Center

The Transfer Center has many resources to support student transfer. A Transfer Day is held on campus every fall and representatives of four-year colleges visit the center year-round. The Transfer Center is located in room 1335 or can be reached at 707-256-7333.

Transfer Success

Napa Valley College is the bridge for many students to a four-year college or university. Academic standards are high and follow-up studies show that our students excel in four-year programs. Our top transfer schools are in close proximity— Sonoma State, Sacramento State, San Francisco State, UC Davis, and UC Berkeley. Students also transfer to many independent and out-of-state institutions. The college has Transfer Admission Guarantees with UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Merced, and St. Mary's College.

Career Center

The Napa Valley College Career Center addresses the career development and employment needs of NVC students and local and regional employers. Counseling and classes are available to assist students with selecting a career or college major. Visit the Career Center, located in the Student Services Building 1, Room 1335, or call 707-256-7327 for more information.

* Locally Approved Non-Transcriptable

** Meets certifications requirements for State Commission on Peace Officers standards and Training, STC Certificate.

Steps for Admission

- Complete an International Student Admission Application.
- Students must complete the equivalent of high school with better than average grades. In addition, they must demonstrate adequate financial resources to complete their education without outside employment.
- Official copies of transcripts from all secondary schools and colleges you have attended. These transcripts must be in English and correspond to the American Grading System. *
- A financial statement or tax documents showing that you or your sponsor has the financial resources to pay your tuition and related expenses while you attend Napa Valley College. See fee schedule on page 5.
- A transfer notification form if you are transferring from another United States School.
- International students should apply to the college:
 - For **fall semester** admission all materials should be submitted by **May 1**.
 - For **spring semester** admission all materials should be submitted by **October 1**.

International Student Fee Information

International students must pay non-resident tuition, in addition to enrollment fees, and are required to have health and accident insurance. There is no financial aid available for international students. More information on fees can be found on our Registration web page. For an explanation on expenses and standard student budgets, please click on this link for College Board to learn more, www.collegeboard.org.

There is no financial aid available for international students.

Please refer to the Admissions and Records website (www.napavalley.edu/admissions) and select the Priority Registration link.

Payment is due immediately following registration. Students can be dropped for nonpayment. Please refer to the Pay to Stay website for grace periods. Contact the Cashiers Office at (707) 256-7188.

Fees

Tuition and enrollment fees will be collected in full at the time of registration.

Based on the 2024-2025 academic year, the estimated cost of attendance is as follows:

\$11,592	Tuition and fees based on 24 units minimum required for F1 visa student.
\$11,493	Food and housing (based on home stay)
\$1,062	Books and other educational expenses
\$1,962	Transportation
\$4,059	Miscellaneous and personal
\$1,138	Mandatory medical insurance (fall and spring/summer)
\$31,306	Total

Tuition is subject to change. Costs are based on the 2024-2025 academic year and will be adjusted annually. Students who choose on-campus housing will have a variable cost for housing depending on which type of accommodation they select. In support of the F-1 visa application, a current bank statement must show a minimum balance to cover at least the amount needed for the total cost of one academic year's expenses.

Tuition Refunds – Non-resident and International Students Only

Out-of-state and international student tuition will be refunded according to the application date based on the following schedule:

During the first two weeks of instruction.	100%
Third week of instruction.....	50%
Fourth week of instruction.	25%
After Fourth week of instruction.	0%

Appealing Your Fees

To appeal a decision concerning your fees, file a "Petition for Late Add, Drop, or Refund" by the end of the semester the fees are incurred. For more information, call the Admissions and Records Office at (707) 256-7201.

Five Steps to Successfully Enroll as a New Student at Napa Valley College

Applications for admissions to Napa Valley College (NVC) are accepted at any time for any future semester. All students must complete the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) in order to successfully enroll at NVC. This includes orientation, assessment and an abbreviated educational plan. The following steps are required for all prospective students, who wish to earn priority registration status.

Step 1 APPLY ONLINE FOR ADMISSION Admissions and Records, (707) 256-7200



Complete the online Application for Admission by selecting the "Enroll Now" link at www.napavalley.edu. It pays to Declare Yourself, so please make sure to provide us your biographical/demographic information under the "Personal Information" section.

Step 2 COMPLETE AN ORIENTATION www.napavalley.edu/studentorientation



Complete the online orientation session at the Online Orientation website. All students must complete an orientation regardless of educational goal or major.

Step 3 COMPLETE THE English and Math Placement Tool at [https://www.napavalley.edu/ student-services-and-resources/testing-center/ placement-tools.html](https://www.napavalley.edu/student-services-and-resources/testing-center/placement-tools.html)



Step 4 ATTEND A COUNSELING/ADVISING (Ed Planning Session) General Counseling Center, (707) 256-7220 www.napavalley.edu/counseling



All new students must complete an abbreviated (one semester) Ed Plan. New students must declare a major by the completion of 15 units and develop a Comprehensive Education Plan by 30 units. Check Counseling website for drop-in hours.

Step 5 REGISTER AND PAY FOR CLASSES www.napavalley.edu/myNVCSelf-Service



Complete class registration through the Self Service, available up to midnight before the first day of classes. All students register according to their A-G priority registration date. Once the class has started, students will need an Add Authorization from their instructor to register. Late start classes have different registration dates.

English Proficiency for International Students

- International students are provided with an orientation to the college and with academic and personal counseling. Additional information regarding admission may be obtained by contacting the:

Admissions and Records Office
Napa Valley College,
2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway
Napa, California 94558 USA

or by e-mailing nvcinternational@napavalley.edu. International Student office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5 p.m. (closed Fridays during the summer.) Please email in advance for available meeting times.

* Note: Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an international evaluating service for general education credit. World Education Services is the recommended provider of international evaluations for Napa Valley College. We will take other evaluations from other evaluating services, but strongly recommend using WES. If you have further questions about World Education Services, please go to their website at <http://www.wes.org/>.



World Education Services

Immigration Information

F-1 STATUS

Once you are admitted to NVC, the Admissions and Records office issues a certificate of eligibility called I-20 for F-1 students. This certificate of eligibility (also known as a visa document) must be used to apply for a student visa at a U.S. Consulate or Embassy. After your student visa is issued, you can make plans to come to the U.S. (Note for Canadian citizens: a student visa is not required but you must obtain F-1 status when you enter the U.S.)

SEVIS

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is a database system used by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USCIS) and SEVIS-approved educational institutions to monitor students in F-1 status. Your SEVIS number is printed on your I-20.

What you will need to apply for an F-1 Student Visa:

- I-20 (for F-1 Visa)
- A passport valid for travel to the U.S. and with the validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the U.S.
- One (1) 2" X 2" photograph
- An MRV fee receipt to show payment of the visa application fee. (For information visit the U.S. Embassy website where you are going to apply for your F-1 Visa.)
- I-901 SEVIS fee receipt (www.fmjfee.com)
- Admissions Letter from NVC
- Financial documents
- Documents to demonstrate a connection to your home country



Tips for Your Visa Interview

Ties to Your Home Country

Under U.S. law, all applicants for non-immigrant visas are viewed as intending to be immigrants until they can convince the consular officer that they are not. Be prepared to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States.

Speak Clearly

Keep it brief and in English. Because of the volume of applications received, all consular officers are under considerable time pressure to conduct a quick and efficient interview. Keep your answers to the officer's questions short and to the point. Plan for the interview to be conducted in English and not in your native language.

Be prepared to explain your major and how it fits your future career plans.

You should be able to explain the reasons you will study in a particular major and how studying in the U.S. relates to your future professional career when you return home.

Employment

Your main purpose in coming to the United States is to study, not for employment opportunities before or after graduation. While many students do work during their studies, such employment is incidental to their main purpose of completing their education.

Maintain a Positive Attitude

Stay calm and friendly throughout the process. Do not engage the consular officer in an argument. If you are denied a student visa, ask the officer for a list of documents he or she would suggest you bring in order to overcome the refusal, and try to get the reason you were denied in writing.

Travel and US Re-entry

Travel Signatures

Each time you travel out of the U.S., you need to have a valid travel signature.

Entry Visa To Another Country (Not the U.S.)

If you plan to visit another country (other than your home country) you must contact that country's embassy or consulate for information about entry requirements. Each country has specific requirements for entry that are different depending on your citizenship status and residency status. Before you make any travel plans, be sure that you are informed of these requirements. A list of foreign consular offices in the United State is available from the U.S. Department of State.

Automatic Visa Revalidation

International students who have maintained their student status are allowed to re-enter the U.S. after a visit to Canada, Mexico or adjacent islands with the expired student visa, if the following conditions are met:

- Travel is for less than 30 days
- You have a valid F-1 status in the U.S.
- Your I-20 is valid (if you are on your grace period after program completion, Automatic Visa Revalidation does not apply).
- You have a valid travel signature on your visa document (I-20)
- You have a valid admission stamp on your electronic or paper form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record.
- You have a valid passport.

Maintaining your F-1 Student Visa

- Enroll in 12 units each Fall & Spring semester. (All international students must take 9 in- person units out of the 12 units required.)
- Enrolling in less than 12 units is permitted ONLY with authorization from an NVC counselor.
- Medical exception: If you experience medical problems, meet with an NVC counselor.
- Attend classes.
- Pay Tuition Fees
- Report address changes to the International Specialist (International Students Program Office) within 10 days.
- F-1 students have 60 days from program completion to depart from the U.S., transfer their SEVIS record to another school, or change their immigration status.
- Enrollment - Be sure you are enrolled full-time, and ALL tuition and fees have been paid.

Can I work on an F-1 Visa?

F1 visa holders cannot accept off-campus employment at any time during the first year of their studies. Under certain circumstances, the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) may grant permission to accept off-campus employment after one year of study.

For more information regarding working with an F-1 Visa please see the following links.

www.studyinthe US.studyinthestates.gov

www.ice.gov/sevis/practical-training

Campus Contacts for Additional Information

Campus contacts

Campus Police	707-256-7770
Business Office or skada@napavalley.edu	707-256-7186
Counseling or nvccounseling@napavalley.edu	707-256-7220
Health Occupations Secretary or cmiller@napavalley.edu	707-256-7601
Athletics/Physical Education Secretary or lee@napavalley.edu	707-256-7651
Student Affairs Executive Assistant or mnavarro@napavalley.edu	707-256-7363
Admissions Specialist or mceja@napavalley.edu	707-256-7217
International Student Program (room 1533) or nvcinternational@napavalley.edu	707-256-7157
Bookstore Main Desk	707-256-7480

City of Napa General Information

Napa is a beautiful, safe, and community-centered city located in the world-famous wine county. Napa's vibrant arts scene, delicious farm-to-table dining, incredible scenic views, and diverse community make it a welcoming place for international students. Close to San Francisco, Redwood Forests, and the Pacific Ocean, Napa offers many weekend travel options.

Onsite-housing information:

[River Trail Village | Apartments In Napa, CA \(rivertrailvillageatnvc.com\)](https://www.rivertrailvillageatnvc.com)





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2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy., Napa, California USA 94558**